

APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

4. (Twice Amended) A spindle motor for driving a magnetic disk, comprising:
- a base member having a boss portion and a cylindrical wall portion, said boss portion, ~~and said cylindrical wall portion~~ and base member formed as a single-piece member ~~integrally with said base member~~, said boss portion being located at a center of said base member, and said cylindrical wall portion being located at an outer circumference of said boss portion;
- a stator comprising a stack and coils, said stator is disposed on an outer circumference of said cylindrical wall portion;
- a shaft having a thrust plate at one end portion of said shaft, said shaft is fitted on said boss portion, and said thrust plate is disposed at the inside of said cylindrical wall portion;
- a hub having a downwardly depending flange at an outer periphery thereof, said hub having an inner shoulder to fit a magnetic disk and an outer shoulder to form a clearance between said magnetic disk and said downwardly depending flange on a top portion thereof, said hub rotatable relatively to said base member by means of a bearing means, said bearing means comprising a fluid bearing formed between said shaft and said hub;
- a magnet is disposed on an inner peripheral surface of said downwardly depending flange to face with said stator; and
- an outer diameter of said outer shoulder being larger than an outer diameter of said inner shoulder, an inner diameter of said magnet being larger than both outer diameter of said inner and outer shoulders.